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Sid Bernstein was asked it recently. Sid is a promoter and a manager.

He promoted the big 55,000 audience concert that Grand Funk Railroad did at Shea Stadium, but he'll also promote a \$2 concert at Carnegie Hall for, say, Ten Wheel Drive and Buzzy Linhart. He manages the Rascals and Mandrill among others and has been on the rock scene a long time, having presented the first Carnegie Hall and Shea Stadium Concerts by the Beatles in 1964. Before this he was into Latin jazz and Judy Garland concerts.

Sid got a flash when he sat watching George Harrison and the Leon Russell—organized group at Madison Square Garden — the Bangla Desh concert...Sid flashed that this perhaps was it. A artists performing as a single with a biggish band behind him.

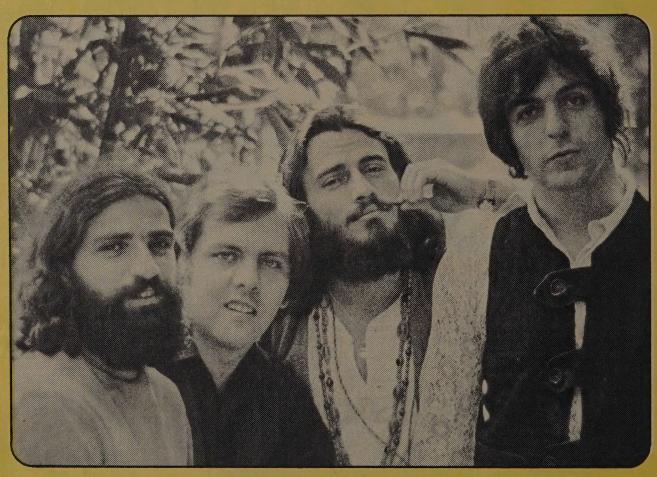
Sid thinks we're heading into an era where more single artists will start to come through and there'll be fewer groups.

But he is unhappy that there are less and less places for them to play, or just get together and jam. New York is supposed to to be a major music center — it still is — but it has no informal after hours clubs to serve as a meeting place for performers to

exchange ideas in long jams. And the Fillmore has closed, the huge arenas sometimes aren't suitable, the small clubs sometimes aren't suitable, the high prices charged by the superstars aren't comfortable for the fans....and so on.

Sid is unhappy too about television, reckoning rightly that it is missing the boat where youth music is concerned. A decade ago, television had real power — Elvis Presley was up and away after his Ed Sullivan Show appearance, one of many.

But today, thinks Sid, television offers no help at all to the career of the rock artist. And radio is getting no better, working with a tighter and tighter Top 40 playlist, that means more repetition and little creativity.



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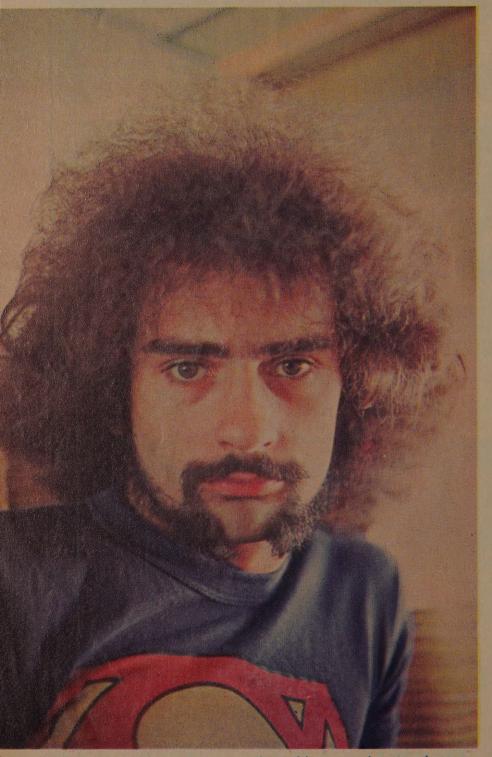


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With all this obvious money solidarity, perhaps Grand Funk could be expected to be lavish when it comes to recording. I mean, these days any old group can go into a recording studio and knock up between \$12,000 and \$30,000 getting the tracks down on an album. That's the average cost, by the way, although nobody really raises eyebrows when the figure gets up to \$50,000.

But Terry Knight, manager, producer and almost fourth member of Grand Funk (certainly the vocal one when it comes to interviews) keeps Grand Funk's costs down, right down in the studio.

Their last album, "E. Pluribus Funk" (Funk To The People) was their most expensive piece of product yet, mainly because they had to hire a concert hall to get the 50 odd symphony orchestra musicians in on the album.

Total cost, says Terry, was only \$5000.

"And that is expensive for Grand Funk. Usually we can bring an album in with recording costs of only \$ 3000. To pay as much as \$50,000 in studio costs is just ridiculous — it just shows that the group is unprepared."

How do Grand Funk manage it. . . .

Photos by Terry Knight.

RAILROAD And Studio Costs

and in fact, how do Grand Funk record?

Terry explains: "The boys rehearse away from the studio at home where they feel natural for about six, maybe eight weeks. They never tape rehearsals. At the end of this period, I go in and we make the final preparations to record — decide on the programming, cut an intro here, an ending there, maybe change some words.

"The boys respect my judgement -it's part of our working arrangement.
I am Grand Funk's tape recorder."

From here the group goes into the recording studio in Cleveland where they have always recorded.

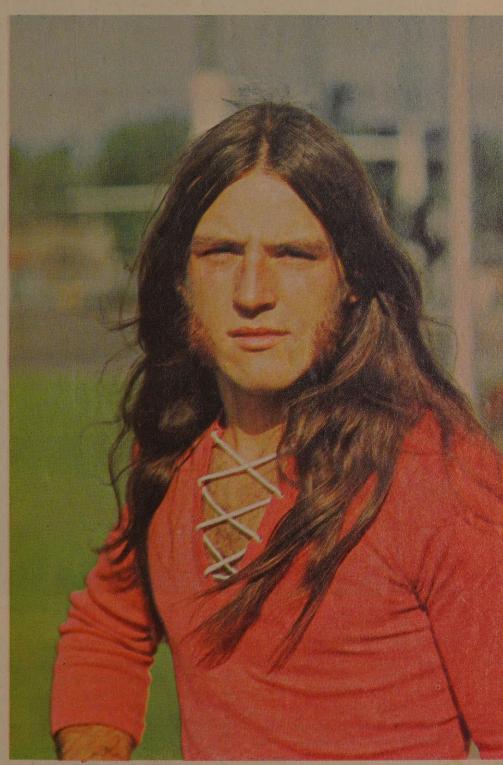
Says Terry: "We then go into the studio for only three days. Two days for laying down the music tracks and a final day for putting down the voice tracks. The boys then go home and I rest my ears and I go in and mix the album.

"The entire process takes five working days."

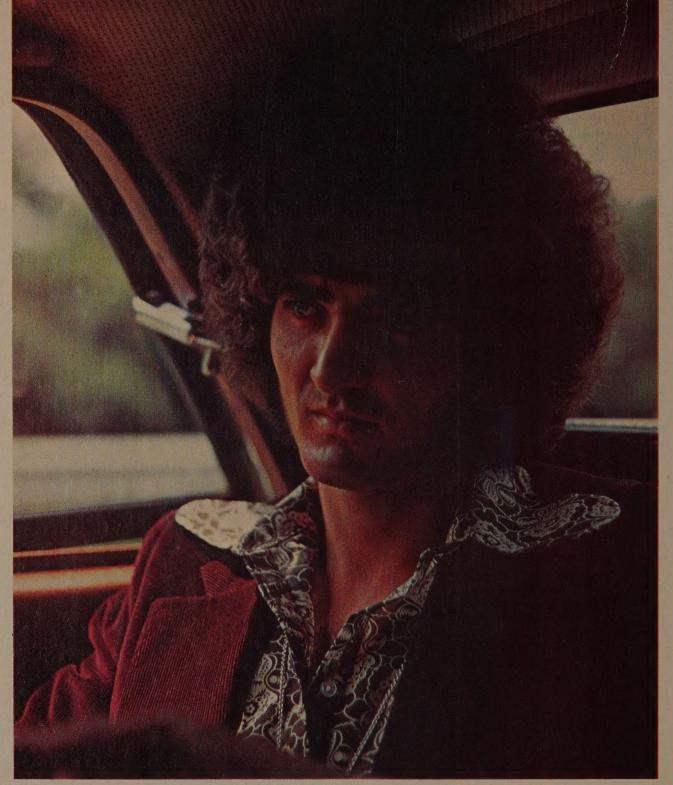
From this, plus some potent concert tours -- Grand Funk Railroad know where they'll be every day during 1972 -- are millionaires made!

It's not surprising with all this activity that brings Grand Funk's heavy style of rock to the people, that Terry Knight and Grand Funk just don't believe the "Rock is dead -- soft rock is king" controversy.

Terry points out that the real sell outs on today's market, apart from Grand Funk, are Ten Years After, Black Sabbath, the Who etc. All hard rockers to an amp. When we talked he produced the week's album chart and checked the top fifty albums -- it came out with 35 hard rock groups against 11 soft, with the rest



MARK FARNER - rehearse the album for six to eight weeks.



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soul groups and easy listening.

Terry points out that Grand Funk sold out Shea Stadium (55,000 people) and Led Zeppelin hold records in Vancouver, in terms of audience.

And yet Terry doesn't say that Grand Funk Railroad are hard rock, not in his comments, his advertising, not anywhere. "We never say Grand Funk are anything -- just that they are here, if you want them."

He says: "Grand Funk were in the right place at the right time. They made no political statements, offered no solutions, took no stands and thereby created no controversy. They were like the early Beatles -- an escape mechanism, a safety valve for the young population of the world.

"Hard rock," says Terry, "is a very

public affair that is being shared by young people. Yet critics and writers try to foist soft rock on them, trying to restrict them to soft, possibly segregate it into something of their own, not to be shared by the masses. Yet while they say this, 55,000 people are literally rejoicing rock at Shea Stadium. The people support larger venues because it's what they want --- hard rock.

FRANK SIMPSON



BLACK SABBATH -- formed in January 1969 under the name Earth which was changed a year later to Black Sabbath.

BLACK SABBATH Gradual Change and Live Gigs

Black Sabbath, having survived an earlier confused brush with fans mistakenly looking for a Satan Rock group (whatever that is), get attacked by the self imposed taste makers, the rock establishment, critics division.

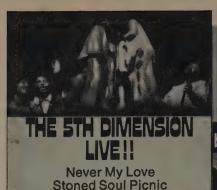
Reason? Black Sabbath. Classification: heavy; Grand Funk Railroad.

Being a British group, they are also attacked on both sides — their album "Masters of Reality" had a hard time coming through the typewriters of the British critics.

Tony Iommi, of the Sabbath, appears

quite unperturbed about the whole thing. He reckons critics and criticism

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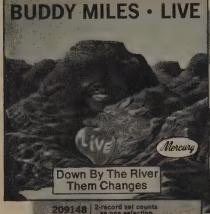
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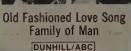
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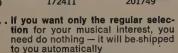
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BLACK SABBATH (continued from page 11)

well when the kids don't rave all the

"In certain places in America the kids are afraid to get up and rave because the police might hit them over the head with a truncheon (nightstick)! The police can be very cruel like that."

Like any other very successful British group who work in America, Black Sabbath get criticised for "being unfaithful" to their British fans.

Says Tony: "We've still got a hard core of British fans and our records do well. I don't think we are being unfaithful to them by going to America. You can only play certain venues in Britain — the Albert Hall in London is great, for instance. But we reckon it's worthwhile going to America — and it's not just because of the money.

"The first tour we ever did there we made very little money. Now we do make some — and our records sell well. The albums get advance orders of around 200,000 which isn't bad at all, but then America is such a vast place. With each succeeding tour we like to cover parts that we haven't already visited and even this way we still haven't been everywhere.

"We've done well in America — the gold discs and all that — and the American kids seem to know more about the band. They recognize you and it's a personal thing with them when they like the band.

"When we play England too, we get slugged by the journalists, not by the people. 'Paranoid', that LP got bad reviews and sold well. But we can't complain about English audiences — they've always been good to us.

"We're working out a new show. Although it's not finished yet and we're hoping to do visual changes. We did have thoughts about doing a special Black Sabbath show — like a play before the group goes on to perform. But that's just an idea going around in our heads at the moment. There are no plans to change our musical policy.

"If people like it, why change?

"We wouldn't be Black Sabbath if we suddenly changed to another kind of music. If there are any changes, they'll be gradual, so gradual we won't even notice. We're hoping to get more into recording now, but we'll always do live gigs.

"If the day ever comes when we stop doing live gigs and just want to record, then Black Sabbath will be no more. JULIE WEBB.

LENNON-MCCARINEY

Songalog: Who Wrote What

Lennon-McCartney.

It's common knowledge that Paul wrote some alone and John wrote some alone. The royalties may be shared but sometimes

not the worklode on a particular piece.

To find out how much was written by who. . and even who wrote what, we sat John Lennon down and went over the whole list of Lennon-McCartney material, that rich vein that changed the face of rock music almost overnight, going back to the first days of the Merseyliverpool Sound, up through Beatlemania to Sgt. Pepper and the break up.

Paul McCartney saw the list and came up with one correction. He says that John didn't write the music to "In My Life" just the words. Paul worked out the melody on a mellotron in John's

house.



- LOVE ME DO: Paul wrote the main structure of this when he was about 16, or even earlier. I think I had something to do with the middle.
- PS I LOVE YOU: Paul. But I think we helped him a bit. It was meant to be a Shirelles kind of song.
- PLEASE PLEASE ME: I wrote all of this one -- I was trying to do a Roy Orbison.
- FROM ME TO YOU: Paul and me we wrote this together in a van.
- THANK YOU GIRL: Paul and me. This was just a silly song we knocked off.
- SHE LOVES YOU: Both of us. We wrote it together on tour.
- MISERY: Both of us. This was mainly mine though, I think.
- DO YOU WANT TO KNOW A SECRET?:

 Me. I wrote this for George.
- I CALL YOUR NAME: Me. I started it when I was about 15 and finished the middle eight years later, around "Help" or "Hard Day's Night" time.
- I'LL BE ON MY WAY: Paul. This was early Paul.
- BAD TO ME: Me. I wrote it for Billy J. Kramer.
- IT WON'T BE LONG: Me. I wrote this on the second album. It was the song with the so-called Aeolian cadences, the same as in the Mahler symphony, at the end. I don't know what the hell it was about.
- ALL MY LOVING: Paul. This was one of his first biggies.
- LITTLE CHILD: Both of us. This was a knock-off between Paul and me for Ringo.
- HOLD ME TIGHT: Both of us, but mainly Paul.
- I WANNA BE YOUR MAN: Both of us but mainly Paul. . . . I helped him finish it.
- I'LL KEEP YOU SATISFIED: Paul. This was for Billy J. Kramer.
- LOVE OF THE LOVED: Paul. One of his very early songs, but I think he changed the words later for Cilla.
- I'M IN LOVE: Me. I wrote it for the Fourmost.
- HELLO LITTLE GIRL: Me. This was another very early song of mine recorded by the Fourmost.
- CAN'T BUY ME LOVE: John and Paul, but mainly Paul.
- FROM A WINDOW: Paul. . .must be Paul's. I can't really remember it. LIKE DREAMERS DO: A very early one of Paul's.
- AND I LOVE HER: Both of us. The first half was Paul's and the middle eight is mine.
- I'LL BE BACK: Me. A nice tune though the middle is a bit tatty.

- WORLD WITHOUT LOVE: Paul. An early one he wrote when he was about 16 or 17. I think he changed the words later for the record by Peter and Garfunkel or something.
- ONE AND ONE IS TWO: Paul. That was a terrible one.
- I FEEL FINE: Me. This was the first time feedback was used on a record. It's right at the beginning.
- SHE'S A WOMAN: Paul. Though I helped with the middle, I think.
- NO REPLY: Me. I remember Dick James coming to me after we did this one and saying, "You're getting much better now that was a complete story." Apparently before that he thought my songs tended to sort of, wander off.
- I'LL FOLLOW THE SUN: Paul. A nice one -- one of his early compositions.
- EIGHT DAYS A WEEK: Both of us. I think we wrote this when we were trying to write the title song for "Help" because there was at one time the thought of calling the film, "Eight Arms To Hold You" or something. I THINK that's the story, I'm not sure.
- IT'S ONLY LOVE: Me. That's the one song I really hate of mine. Terrible lyric.
- YESTERDAY: Paul. Wow, that was a good 'un.
- DAY TRIPPER: Me. But I think Paul helped with the verse.
- WE CAN WORK IT OUT: Paul but the middle was mine.
- NORWEGIAN WOOD: Me but Paul helped me on the lyric.
- MICHELLE: Both of us. I wrote the middle with him.
- WHAT GOES ON: Me. A very early song of mine. Ringo and Paul wrote a new middle eight together when we recorded it.
- IN MY LIFE: Me. I think I was trying to write about Penny Lane when I wrote it. It was about places I remembered. A nice song. Jose Feliciano did a nice version of it.
- RUN FOR YOUR LIFE: Me. Another one I never liked.
- PAPERBACK WRITER: Paul. I think I might have helped with some of the lyrics. Yes, I did. But it was mainly Paul's tune.
- ELEANOR RIGBY: Both of us. 1 wrote a good lot of the lyrics, about 70 percent. Ray Charles did a great version of this. Fantastic.
- HERE THERE AND EVERYWHERE: Paul.
 This was a great one of his.
- YELLOW SUBMARINE: Both of us. Paul wrote the catchy chorus. I helped with the blunderbuss bit.

- SHE SAID, SHE SAID: I wrote it after meeting Peter Fonda who said he knew what it was like to be dead.
- GOOD DAY SUNSHINE: Paul. But I think maybe I helped him with some of the lyric.
- FOR NO ONE: Paul. Another of his I really liked.
- AND YOUR BIRD CAN SING: Me. Another horror.
- DR. ROBERT: Me. I think Paul helped with the middle.
- GOT TO GET YOU INTO MY LIFE: Paul.

 I think George and I helped with some of the lyric, I'm not sure.
- TOMORROW NEVER KNOWS: Me. This was my first psychedelic song.
- PENNY LANE; Paul. I helped him with the lyric.
- A LITTLE HELP FROMMY FRIENDS: Paul.
 It was Paul's idea. I think I helped with some of the words. In fact, I did. Hunter Davie was there when we did it and mentioned it in the book. "What do you see when you turn out the light, I can't tell you but I know it's mine." That was mine.
- LUCY IN THE SKY WITH DIAMONDS:
 Me. And once again, folks, this was
 Julian's title. It was nothing to do
 with LSD I think Paul helped with
 the last verse.
- GETTING BETTER: Paul. I think I helped with some of the words in the middle.
- SHE'S LEAVING HOME: Both of us. Paul had the basic theme. But all those lines like "We sacrificed most of our life...We gave her everything that money could buy...Never a thought for ourselves.....Those were the things (Aunt) Mimi used to say. It was easy to write.
- BEING FOR THE BENEFIT OF MR. KITE:

 Me. I got some of the words off an
 old circus poster. I have it in the billiard room. The story that Henry
 the Horse meant heroin was rubbish.
- WHEN I'M SIXTY FOUR: Paul. I think I helped Paul with some of the words, like "Vera, Chuck and Dave" and "Doing the garden, digging the weeds."
- GOOD MORNING, GOOD MORNING:

 Me. A bit of a gobbledegook one,
 but nice words.
- DAY IN THE LIFE: Both of us. I wrote the bit up to "woke up fell out of bed" and I think Paul wrote "I'd love to turn you on." I got the idea from a news item in the British Daily Mail about 4000 holes in Blackburn
- BABY YOU'RE A RICH MAN: Both of us. In fact we just stuck two songs



together for this one – same as "A Day In The Life."

I'M THE WALRUS: Me -- I like that one.
That was the time when I was putting
Hare Krishna and all that down. I
hadn't taken it up then.

MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR: Paul. I helped with some of the lyric.

HEY JUDE: Paul. That's his best song. It started off as a song about my son Julian because Paul was going to see him. Then he turned it into "Hey Jude". I always thought it was about me and Yoko but he said it was about him and his.

REVOLUTION: Me. I should never have put that in about Chairman Mao. I was just finishing off in the studio when I did that.

BACK IN THE USSR: Paul. Maybe I helped a bit, but I, don't think so. HAPPINESS IS A WARM GUN: Me. That's another one I like. They all said it was about drugs but it was more about rock and roll than drugs. It's sort of a history of rock and roll. The title came from an American gun magazine. I don't know why people said it was about the needle in heroin. I've only seen somebody do something with a needle once and I don't like to see it at all.

ROCKY RACOON: Paul. I might have helped with some of the words, I'm not sure.

WHY DON'T WE DO IT IN THE ROAD:
Paul -- one of his best.

JULIA: Me. Yoko helped me with this

BIRTHDAY: Both of us. We wrote it in the studio.

EVERYBODY'S GOT SOMETHING TO HIDE: Me. Fats Domino did a great version of this one.

SEXIE SADIE: Me. That was about the Maharishi.

BECAUSE: Me. This is a terrible arrangement. A bit like Beethoven's Fifth backwards.

ACROSS THE UNIVERSE: Me. One of my best songs. Not one of the best recordings but I like the lyrics.

A list of songs, according to Lennon, written by himself, about which he had no comment.

There's A Place; This Boy; All I've Got To Do; Not A Second Time; You Can't Do That; A Hard Day's Night; I Should Have Known Better; If I Fell; I'm Happy Just To Dance With You; Tell Me Why; Any Time At All; I'll Cry Instead; When I Get Home.

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BREAD

Bread came out of the studios, the Los Angeles recording studios, to be precise. And David Gates (Bread's bass player, singer), James Griffin (lead guitar, singer) and Larry Knechtel (keyboard) were really into the studio scene there, not on the fringes, making, forgive the expression, good bread.

Explains David: "There's no doubt about it, if you break into the studio session set up, it's a very good living financially. A good session man can average four to five sessions a day, five days a week.

"That can work out to around \$50,000 a year. That's hard to turn . away from."

Why, then, did Gates, Griffin and Robb Royer (an original Bread member, replaced by Knechtel) get together and form Bread, a gamble that paid off, but a gamble nonetheless.

Said David: "Probably because working in sessions becomes very like a job, mechanical and at its worst you become a musical vegetable -- part of the machine. You may start off enthusiastically but after session after session, you settle down to your little formula -- bass line type three.

"You might come to the studio full of fire willing to contribute — and make no mistake, some artists are very receptive to this kind of thing—but eventually you find you are just a hired musician and you shut up, take the money and get out into the clubs at night to really blow, for some place to jam."

And there is the other side: it is a very small percentage of the supposedly 40,000 musicians in the Los Angeles area who are lucky/talented enough to land the lucrative studio jobs.

David Gates is Bread's nominal leader and assumes production responsibilities, apart from writing much of Bread's music.

He explains Bread's essential philosophy: "We work on the principal that 'Simplest is best.' If we do something once, we try not to do it again."

It may explain why, when talking about the "engineer's jargon" in the recording studio, he remains unimpressed with talk of 36 track and upwards recording consoles.

"There are natural laws in the studio like everywhere else," he says.
"We work to get a live sound on our recordings and for practical purposes a 16 track machine suits us.

"I don't know if we'd abandon the old line in favor of super sophisticated electronics. I've always felt that the synthesizers lacked warmth. The important thing is not to dehumanize your music with all the advanced technology. In fact in some rock music—only some—it's an advantage to use beat-up old equipment."

Bread gets offers of work but prefers to restrict it to 60 or 70 nights a year, spending the rest of the time in the recording studio. .or on television. Bread is one of the few rock groups that has appeared on television. When we talked they had just completed recording a Glen Campbell show. They do bemoan the lack of really good creative rock television and remember with affection the old "Shindig" show produced by Jack Good.

"The trouble with the average television appearance is that you don't have much control, again you are part of the package. And the producers could be a little more flexible towards a rock group," says David.

"Actually rock on television is just a matter of the right person producing, like Jack Good or Stanley Dorfman who has a fine British TV show called 'In Concert.' I mean, 'American Bandstand' is just pure nostalgia — it's as if it's never moved."

When they do work live gigs, Bread prefer the college auditorium circuit rather than the club scene. "They seem more creative to us," says David.

The final member of Bread is Mike Botts, on drums, who joined the group



BREAD - prefer the college circuit for live gigs.

from a jazz background having worked with the late guitarist Wes Mont-

Their principle: Simple Is Best



gomery and organ player Jimmy Smith, as well as four years with the Travellers Three folk-rock group. Griffin shares the writing chores with David and actually did the lyric to "For All We Know" which won an Oscar for best song in 1970. Knechtel's session work is very extensive -- it includes work with Paul Simon, Johnny Rivers, Carole King, the Byrds, John Phillips among others.

☐ FRANK SIMPSON



KEITH MOON - at play.

Bearing in mind the liking that Keith Moon, extro - drummer with the Who had for rock and roll, his latter day performances on stage of "Barbara Ann" and his early days in the pop and rock clubs of London's Soho, I asked him if his playing was based on rock and roll . . . and who has inspired him.

"D. J. Fontana," he replied without hesitation, referring to the drummer that played and plays with Elvis Presley.

"I didn't actually listen to drummers. I listened to riffs and I play riffs on drums. I don't play drums 'bom - titi - bom - titi' (he produced the sound of a light airy drummer) I'll give an example — 'Rain' by the Beatles, Ringo uses the drums as a melodic instrument, not as purely back up.

"I got my grounding in rock and roll from listening to bass players, To be a drummer, to be an individual drummer.

. . a comedian copies jokes that have been 'round for ever, a drummer does the same thing. All we do is play what has always been there but perhaps a lot of people haven't seen it the way it is. We play it our way.

"I've been influenced by drummers in as



KEITH MOON - at work.

much as they've got a stick in each hand.

"The role of a drummer changed, the role of a guitarist changed, the roll of every musician changed when they started playing rock and roll. It's all very well for Pete York and Ian Paice from Deep Purple — they are two of the most boring drummers I've ever heard. They put too much emphasis on 'Hey man, Buddy Rich is too much' Buddy Rich is good but he can't play rock and roll. Andthat's by no means a challenge!"

Perhaps the Who's music, or some of it, is based on early rock and roll.

Keith pointed out: "All of it is based on rock. When I say rock I generalize. I do tend to generalize because rock is a generalization. People put rock musicians into one category and they're

"They are people like Keith Emerson who are influenced by cassical musicians, by Bach. I am really, but I play lousy organ. Give me a one string mandolin and I'll play you some rock and roll. I take my style from the guitarists from rock. The

Who are the Who and simply that. They are not latter day Jerry Lee Lewis's. They are the Who, love it or leave it."

Considering their stature, not many people bother playing the music of the Who, let alone do cover jobs. Any comment from Keith Moon?

"People don't cover our own mumbers, we cover our own numbers. When we do it, it's done," he replied firmly.

"I've heard fifth rate imitations of Beatles songs — the only people who can do those numbers are the Beatles. I thank Christ they haven't covered ours because if they did they'd make an abortion of them. To me it's the difference between leather and vinyl. No matter how good it looks, I still prefer the original. People who copy Beatles songs, people who copy our songs, are like imitation leather.

"It's quite a step to take if they take a Beatles number and try to improve it. It takes guts or they don't know what they're doing. Or they've got nothing better to do."

Mr. Moon recently but a single with Vivian Stanshall (ex leader of the ex Bonzo Dog Doo Dah Band).

Commented Moon: "I've worked with Vic (Vic is what his friends call Viv Stanshall) on a lot of projects because rock and roll is being taken too seriously by a lot of people. People go to a show and want to be entertained. They want to come away and say 'That's made the day worthwhile.' That's what the Who is all about. It boils down to that.

"The Who do as many shows as it's possible for us to do" (There has been criticism in the British press that the group don't get on the road as often as they should) "They shout when we don't do albums — they shout when we don't do shows. They write letters to the papers. But how can we do two albums a year, and shows, and television.

"They don't realise what it takes to get the four of us together in the studios to make an album. The fact is, if they want live performances, we'll do a year of live performances. But I'll bet you, mate, that within a year they'll write in and say 'What about an album.' How can we do an album when we're travelling — we'd need a time machine. And in answer to those people who say we haven't played in a place for five years, I'd say, 'Buy an album' because that represents where we are right at the moment. I've got 24 hours in a day, actually I've got 25, but I still can't fit in live shows, a good record and whatever, in the time I've got. They've got to 'accept what we give them. We're not satisfied with what we give them either. They're very unfair.

"I can't equate with those people who accuse us of ripping off and who say we aren't doing enough — they want blood. Tell them I'm sorry but they can't have it both ways. DRICHARD GREEN

KEITH MOON - surrounded by Roger, Pete and John.



There are those who say that a white more, he shouldn't even try.

Canned Heat's hirsute boogiein' tower man can't sing the blues and, what's of blues power, Bob Hite says about that — "Rubbish."

He elaborates: "The minorities do not have total coverage of the hard times. No...I didn't hear the blues sung down



CANNED HEAT - Bob Hite says that the blues concepts relate to everybody.

CANNED HEAT

on the plantation as a boy. I heard it on the radio and I bought the records, just the same as the young 16 year old Bo



Diddley hearing Muddy Waters on the streets of Chicago."

Right now Hite feels that his understanding of blues 'n' boogie has matured immensely because of his recent trials and tribulations. He openly confessed to a situation that perhaps most people would not prefer to discuss with strangers.

"When I rang up my home about eight months ago and found that the chick that I loved had split from me, I can tell you I felt heartbreak. Now, at that time, if anyone had said to me that I couldn't experience the blues, then they would have got a really heavy answer from me. It was only with the help of some really close friends and my records that I managed to get over those very difficult times — it was that which pulled me through," he said.

Emotion, Hite insists, acknowledges neither color not creed.

He is adamant that the basic concepts of the blues relate to everybody.

"All that those blues guys are singing about is the rent man coming, someone changing the lock on the door, or that your old lady is running off with another guy — those kind of domestic situations apply to almost everybody.

"You've either got it, or you ain't," says Hite about one's feeling for the blues.

Hite insists that the American rock press are obsessed with the credo that "white men can't sing the blues" and continually choose to put down the widely accepted efforts of Canned Heat. He said: "In America the press hate us. At Woodstock we got the loudest applause of the whole four days and we stopped the Newport Festival for 45 minutes with our act. But the press totally ignored this."

Yet the paradox is that the diehard blues purists are at the forefront of Heat's supporters, he insists. "They are the hardest group from whom to gain acceptance but they all dug the double album we did with (John Lee) Hooker.

Not only am I very proud of that project but also it has become Hooker's biggest seller.

"But this black versus white versus black business — you never hear it among musicians.

"I've heard B.B. King stand up in front of an all black audience, who'd only come to hear King, and introduce Mike Bloomfield as the greatest living blues guitarist," Hite revealed.

Bob Hite next talked about the late Al Wilson, a member of Canned Heat, who died last year and with whom Hite had a great affinity. "Nobody really heard Al. If he wanted he could lose Hooker. I've heard Al at four in the morning, way up in the mountains with the moon shining, singing things that no band could ever play. He was that good," said Hite.

The next topic was the rediscovery of many of the older blues artists. Said Hite: "By the time most of these guys get discovered finally, they are very old and half dead. It's so sad to see them fading right there before your eyes. Many of them drink heavily to keep themselves going, while the others are too ill to do more than cut a couple of albums or make a rare public appearance."

Canned Heat is one of the few bands carrying on the true tradition pioneered by these mentors. Yet Hite was explicit when he discussed the rigors of being a successful road band. "When we put Canned Heat together we never expected to last this long. We were a band that couldn't get a gig in a beer bar because we wouldn't play Top 40 hits. The only ambition at the time was to be as good as, and as big as, Paul Butterfield.

"If we ever got as big as the Rolling Stones, then I'm afraid it would be a tragedy. At our level the pressures are big enough but with the Stones it must be terrible. I read somewhere that they

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THE STRENGTH OF CREEDENCE IS CREEDENCE



Conversation With Stu Cook And Doug Clifford HP: "Pendulum" which was your last album, had pretty specific arrangements geared for a quartet. Are the "Pendulum" songs going to stay in the stage show?

JOHN FOGERTY: A couple of them are. Well, one and a half of them. Put it this way — what if right after "Pendulum" we had done a song that began like "Suzy Q." To me that's not going backwards because I play something like "Suzy Q" every single day of my life. Better yet, just the music Creedence plays in the first place — to me it's not a throwback, but to a lot of people it is. It's lived in my head all this time. It hasn't dated or anything else — all those weird things that writers talk about. To me it's just a living thing; it's there all the time.

I'm sure if Glenn Miller was still alive he'd still be thinking in terms of the stuff he was doing in 1940. That's the way he would be-his brain did its most rapid development right then, and he showed it to us right then. I'm sure he'd still be the gimmick of Twin Reeds...

The clarinet and saxophone finally determined his sound. They make a big deal of that in the movie. He could be thinking in those terms — what to do with that. I use that because most people agree that big band music is dead, commercially. That's the whole point. To me a lot of that stuff is very much alive. I really dig it. It's just as valid now as it was in 1939. It doesn't mean you can make a living playing it, but it doesn't mean that the form died.

HP: Do you guys still feel as pursued by the Beatles or that quest for the place in the Pantheon of rock like you did last year? Do you still feel like you have something to reach for there?

DOUG CLIFFORD: I don't want to reach for that. Since then and right now, I'd rather do more musical things. I'm not saying that they didn't—but we're talking about John, Paul, George, and Ringo: images, faces, personalities. I think that I've realized that the strength in Creedence is Creedence. It's the group that's the biggest thing. It's bigger than me, it's bigger than John, it's bigger than all of us. I like my private life.

If it comes then I'll accept it, but I don't want to have to build it and manufacture it because then that's all it will be and I'd rather spend the energies that I'd be spending in that direction on something else. To me that would be more valid. I'm sure everybody else feels the same way.

That was part of the weirdness of the past and . . . that's the past.

HP: Was the adjustment within the group after Tom left — just musical? STU COOK: The arrangements are essentially the same. We're all playing a little bit more — filling in the holes that we hear — but we're not trying to plug up every place where the rhythm guitar was. You know, to make it sound like it's there or it's not needed or something. Musically, we had to drop a couple songs but we probably would have dropped them anyhow. HP: But it wasn't difficult to get into the group playing together without a fourth piece?

DOUG CLIFFORD: No! The reason why I think it was easier is because, as you can see, it's a lot looser, a lot more relaxed. As a result, it gets tighter, musically, because everyone's so relaxed and that's been the hardest thing for me to do. When I'm all tense and nervous, I play like I'm all tense and nervous. I'm not saying I still don't play tense and nervous and I'm not totally relaxed all the time, but it's just more fun - and when it's more fun, it's easier.

HP: John, where did you have to come from to give over your hold on the group? Did you have to take a cut out of your ego?

JOHN FOGERTY: No, I don't think anybody could do that to me. It got to a point where I realized that there was no sense trying to stop it anymore. It's just a totally practical thing. I'm not even in the realm of "Is the stuff any good or not." That's not the criterion. If somebody wants to do something bad enough, you're foolish to try and stop it after a point. And Tom, more than the other two guys, especially at that time, was more ready, or he felt like he was more ready.

He'd been doing it for much longer. He's been doing it longer than me, really, one way or another - in front of people, I mean, professionally, or whatever for money. So he really did feel thwarted and I can't blame him. I always had to say "No" I didn't dig saying "No" but I always had to say it anyway.

The only cut in the ego really was — what's the legal term? I had to acquire an arm's length arrangement with myself.

It's really a case where I had to detach from myself.

HP: How much more work and what sort of work, did you do on the first record the three of you made together, "Sweet Hitch Hiker"? DOUG CLIFFORD: We came up with our parts and then we were inside the booth for the sound on each instrument and the mixing.

I didn't like the drum sounds on any of our albums except for anything we did until "Pendulum," with the exception of three songs: I like the drum sound on "Commotion" — I like the drum sound on "Penthouse Pauper," and one other similar to that - it was an album cut — "Tombstone Shadow." But, now, listening back on those it's just like songwriting — I don't like them as much as I used to like them.

STU COOK: He plays the drums different now; he treats his drums different. He's able to get a better snare drum sound now, which is a whole lot of difference.

This is also the first record that the three of us arranged together and produced together . . . All three of us working with the sound and the mixing.

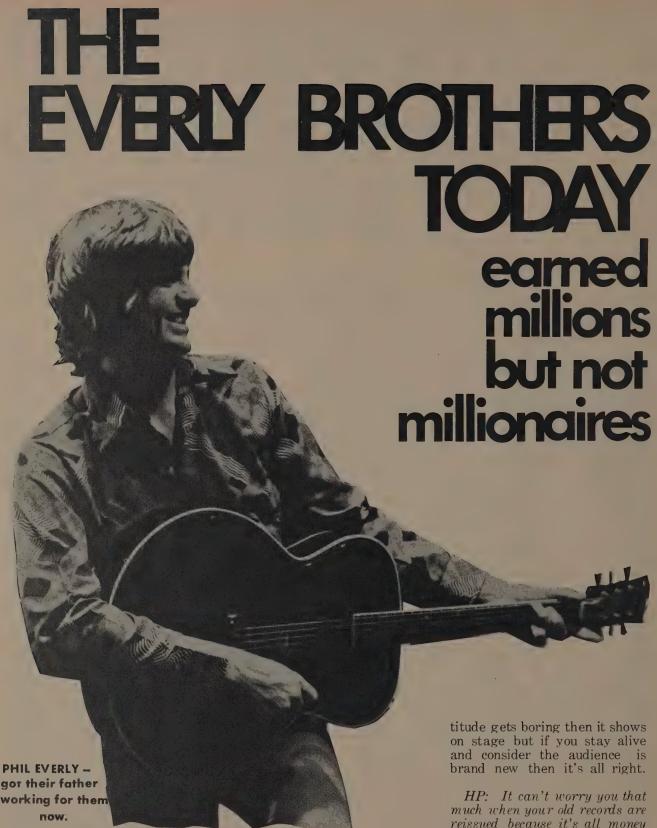
HP: How do you like Stu's song ("Door To Door")?

John Fogerty: How can I say it! I'm trying to be totally fair all the way across the board about it. It's not the kind of song I would write, which is the reason I didn't say anything, in case you wondered. It's not like there's anything less there because I didn't sing it. I think Stu sang it really well. In fact, I think that side of the record sounds better, as far as recording, than "Sweet Hitchhiker."

It's a better sounding record. If you want to take apart songs and all that, I didn't think the song itself was all that great and if it was coming from Jim Webb I would have jumped all over it — or if it was coming from me. But it wasn't. It was Stu's first song. It's just about the first one he's ever written.

STU COOK: You see, just like John has his own standards and levels for himself, I have the same for myself — in line with what I think my abilities are, and all those different realms of writing a song — you know, playing the bass, arranging, singing.

JOHN FOGERTY: The more you do it, the higher your standards become. I remember my first ten songs I wrote. I thought they were really great. Just like Dion or somebody. The more you do it the more you see that, hopefully, you turn around and say "That was rubbish and this is better than that." And finally you realize, "Well, if that was rubbish and this is better, a year from now this is going to be rubbish."



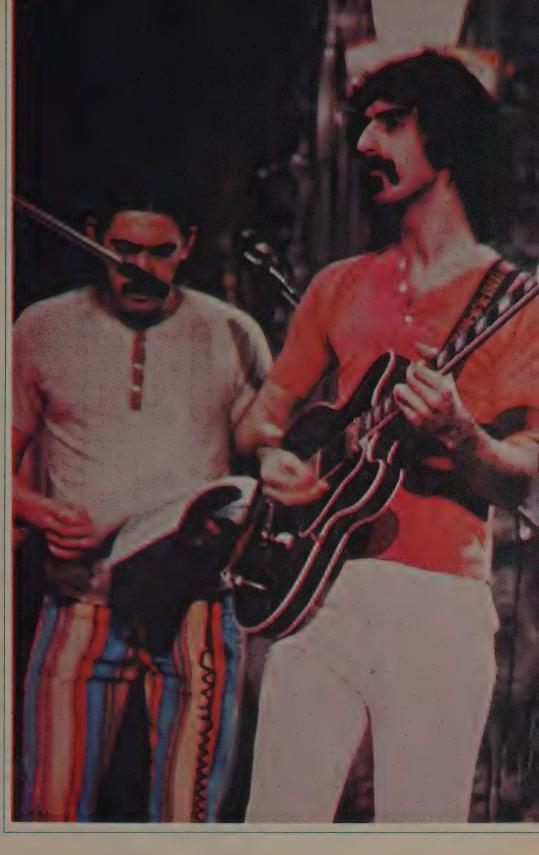
HIT PARADER: Don't you get bugged with people digging up your old material as opposed to taking notice of the kind of music you are doing now?

PHIL EVERLY: No. Our stage act is basically the old stuff because people expect you to do that and that's what they want to hear. I feel if our atreissued because it's all money rolling in. Just how rich are you and Don?

PHIL: I'm not sure how much we're worth. I'm sure we've earned millions but we're not millionaires. And don't forget we're both supporting ex-wives and they get expensive!

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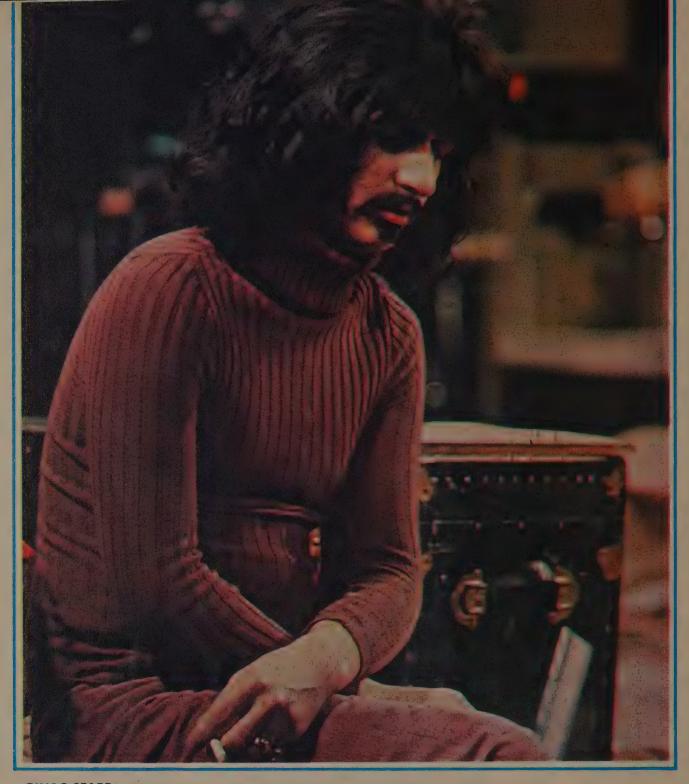
Ser, Group At Work



According to Frank Zappa, leader of the Mothers of Invention, his film, "200 Motels" deals with "Life on the road, groupies, relationship to audience, group personality chemistry, macrobiotic food and tie di shirts, etc."

He adds: "But it deals with these things in ways you might not expect (or approve of) simply because the Mothers is not your average sort of pop group.

"When we go on tour, especially long tours, life in the group begins to resemble life



RINGO STARR

in the army. Each concert is a campaign. On such tours it is possible to not know where you are ('Is this really Vienna?') Sitting in your room, dealing socially with other group members, you might as well be in Los Angeles. We seem to carry a "mystery bubble" of LA consciousness along on the road. Inside this bubble, strange

things happen."

Apart from the Mothers, there is Ringo Starr in the film, as Larry the Dwarf, made up to resemble Mr. Zappa (see photo). Comments Frank: "I asked him to play the role of Larry the He accepted because Dwarf. he said he was getting 'a bit browned off' with his good-guy image.'

Keith Moon, drummer with the Who, plays the Hot Nun (see photo). And Carl Black (the Indian in the group, as Mr. Zappa is fond of saying) plays Lonesome Cowboy Burt.

The whole thing was shot on video tape, which Zap reckons could start a new production trend. It took seven days to film and 11 days to edit, sandwiched between several concert tours.

Mr. Zappa concludes: '''200 Motels' will provide a surpris-

ing introduction to the group and its work. For those who can't stand the Mothers and have always felt we were nothing but a bunch of 'tone-deaf perverts, '200 Motels' will probably confirm their worst suspicions.'' □





CAROLEKING - quickest way to get songs in front of the public is to record them herself.

CAROLE NO Nearly 400 Songs Written

Through the years Carole King has written — according to a list of her published songs provided by Broadcast Music Inc. (BMI) who collect all the money for her — a total of 387 songs, including such epics as "When I Did The Mashed Potato With You," "Short Mort" and "Bully, Said Teddy Roosevelt."

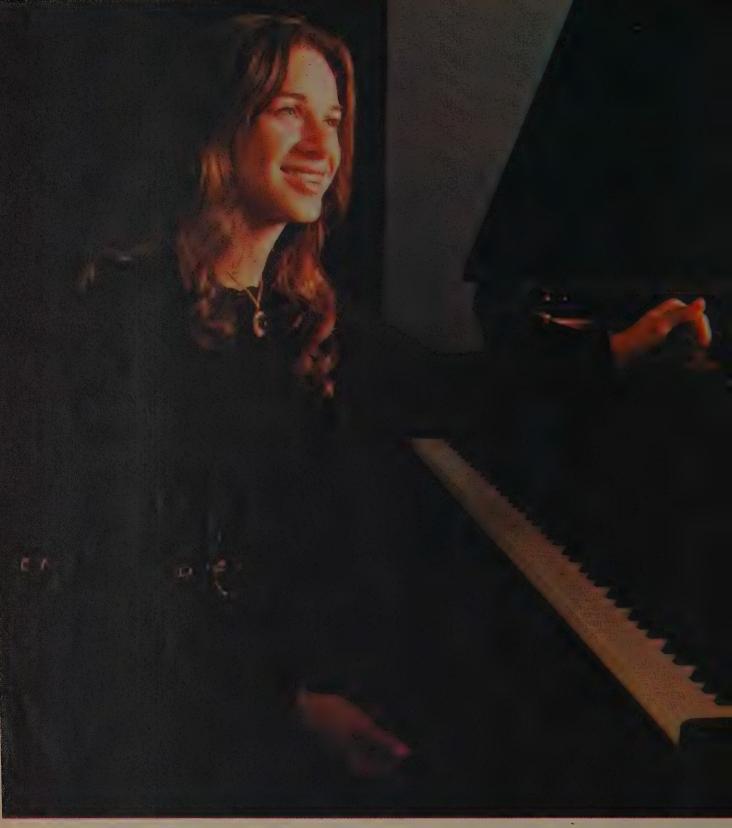
It figures that a professional songwriter, working in the kind of production line informality that Don Kirshner set up in New York back then, must have a few of these back in the closet. And, as Carole admits, there are many of her old songs that she has deliberately forgotten because "they don't stand the test of time."

But to write nearly 400 songs in a decade is still a very impressive record, particularly as there was somewhat of a dry period, when the Beatles and THEIR style emerged on the scene. "We just came to a sort of standstill then," Carole recalls. "We just laid back and watched what was happening and tried to learn from it. Then we went back to work." This time the people recording Carole King material included Aretha Franklin, the Byrds, and Blood Sweat and Tears. And Carole

King herself who went back to singing -- she had previously scored with "It Might As Well Rain Until September" which was a hit, despite her aversion to the publicity machine, and from which there was NO follow up.

Most of Carole's songs were written with Gerry Goffin, once her husband. They were also a producing team but it's the writing that people remember

Their song, "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow" for the Shirelles is, Carole thinks, the first Goffin-King hit, but she isn't sure, because, as she says, she tends to forget those songs...etc. etc. At this time Carole was also doing demos—the best in the business, recall several publishers, and also doing some arranging. It's thought that her arranging help on the strings of "Will You Love Me Tomorrow" introduced the



CAROLE KING - just stepped back and listened when the Beatles arrived. And learned.

first symphony orchestra cello players into rock and roll.

Nowadays Carole is very much a singer, with two fine albums, "Writer" and "Tapestry" to her credit. She is much in demand again and her songs

crop up in various guises. You hear them done by rock bands and middle of the road singers, by soul groups and Mantovani-type string orchestras.

She thinks that by recording them herself, though, it's the quickest way

to get them in front of the public. And also: "I like to be able to hear a song coming back to me the way I heard it when I wrote it, the way I wanted to hear it done."

FRANK SIMPSON

THREE DOG NIGHT No Power.... Just Pride

Photos by Ed Caraeff/KLN Photos.

Three Dog Night in Dallas. The huge Cotton Bowl Stadium. People packed in, being turned on, urged on by Three Dog Night, a forest of arms, waving and being extended, all in time to the beat of the music.

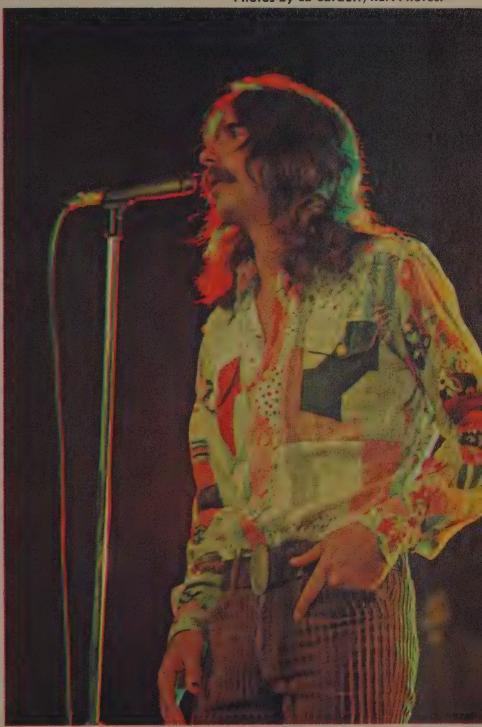
It shows communication - group to audience. Does it show power?

"Power?" says Cory Wells, up front singer with the group. "We never feel a sense of power when we're up on the stage getting to an audience like that. Just pride of achievement in doing what we are supposed to do. . . and doing it well."

From here the talk goes on to the dangers of large, open air rock concerts, the security aspect...which means a concert can flash fire into a riot at the drop of a nightstick.

Said Cory: "A mob is a mob. If we see the crowd getting turbulent, we try to ease them down. We'll try to control it, asking them to move back and so on. But that's not our job, our function. Our job is to give the audience the best we can. That's why responsible promoters, who know these dangers, and what to do about it, are a necessity on the scene right now. That's why we personally only stick to a few promoters - the ones that can do their job and let us get on with ours."

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CHUCK NEGRON - giving the audience the best they can.









CORY WELLS -- doesn't feel power over his audience.

Three Dog Night recently earned \$200,000 — just for delivering the tape of their last album to ABC Dunhill Records.

The company offered a bonus if the group could deliver it before a contractual deadline.

Three Dog Night made it with only one hour to spare and the

dash to deadline was caused by constant interruptions for concert and television appearances. The final recording was completed at 4:30 a. m. on the morning of deadline day and the next 12 hours were spent in the mastering lab getting the tape ready.

Always a group to do things

DANNY HUTTON - completed their last tape at 4:30 a.m.

in style, Three Dog Night hired a Brink's armored truck, plus assorted guards, to deliver the precious tape to ABC Dunhill's headquarters.

For Three Dog member Jerry Greenspun those final hours of the recording session were "in-

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.F'AST FLASHES...FAS



ARETHA FRANKLIN — now firmly established as Soul Sister No. 1, she now travels with her own revue and manages to keep it all in the family by including her sisters Carolyn and Erma Franklin on the bill.

Recently at a show she did at Madison Square Garden in New York she also brought her father into the picture. Mrs. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Rev. Ralph Abernathy arrived on stage with Aretha to pay tribute to the work of her father, Rev. C. L. Franklin.

They gave him a special plaque that Aretha waved proudly at the crowd which gave him — and her — a standing ovation.

TASHES. . FAST FLASH



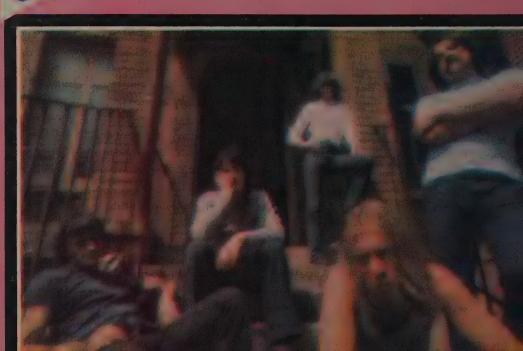
PROCOL HARUM - the group now seems to be settled, from the point of view of group members and managers. Mathew Fisher and David Knights have left and Alan Cartwright and David Ball have been brought in as replacements. The group has also had several managers, both British and American but nothing seemed to work and the result of it all was merely a series of court cases.

Despite all this furor the group insist that nobody is bitter or Unhappy with the way things are going, quite happy to tour and bringing out their one album a

FIVE MAN ELECTRICAL BAND - evidence of the continuing amount of groups, artists and records coming from Canada, a place previously hardly even thought about a few years ago when it came to music. Electricals broke through with "Signs" in the U. S. after working for several years in comparative obscurity, when they were known as the Staccatos. They had a couple of minor Canadian

Their hit "Signs" was a failure in Canada at

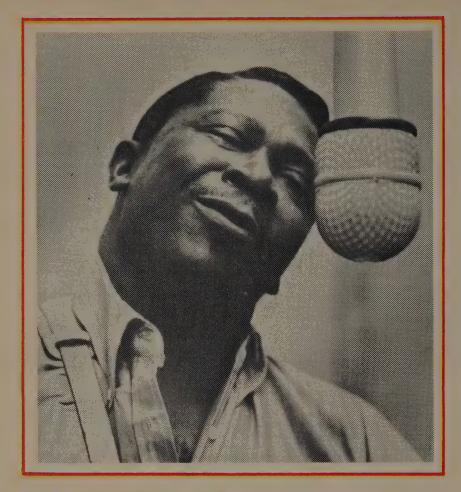
It was only after the record started happening in America that, red faced, they listened again.





Perhaps the greatest lesson B. B. King learned while cutting his latest record in London was that of similarity between musicians. "A musician is a musician no matter where you go or what the circumstances are," said King upon his return to the U.S. "There is no real difference because we are all doing the same thing. We are trying to communicate to our audience through

B.B. KING Ringo Never Put Himself Up Front





music. And we communicate with each other through music too."

"I think the language barrier is a greater factor in keeping people apart. That and the different customs of people from various countries. Sure, musicians sometimes speak a different language, but I haven't found a true musician yet who I can't understand if I really listen to him," said the blues master.

"I will say that there aren't many people as wealthy as Ringo Starr who would participate as he did. He tried hard to keep my sound and never did he try to put himself in front. He is what I call a good drummer and a good musician as were most of those people who worked with me in London. But Ringo impressed me because of his name and stature. I guess I expected something else, like he might try to take the lead. But he was always making sure that the soul sound stayed pure and clean B. B. King. I really can appreciate that in a fellow musician."

King recalled the sessions he did as a youngster and later as an accomplished blues guitarist.

"I learned early that you give the man in front of the band the room he wants," said B. "And Ringo and Klaus Voorman were always saying things like 'I don't think that is really B.' to the other musicians. I mean they all wanted to help, everyone on the sessions, but some of them wanted to sort of update the chord structure or the arrangements.

"As far as updating a tune is concerned, it's not just putting in strings or horns or that stuff. I was doing that in the Fifties when a tune warranted that type of treatment. You have to put certain instruments or voices sometimes to make the tune feel right and sound right. In London, we tried to have a different pattern with each cut. But we always kept the basic B. B. King identity. Maybe we changed the rhythmic pattern. Maybe we would change the time sequences, but we always were looking to keep my style there and out where everyone could see it.

The London sessions which King did took place in eight of the 10 days he was there. "I was supposed to go to London on a vacation. Before I left, they asked me if I wanted to do any recording when I was there. You know, work out with some of the English musicians who might be around. I said yes I might. But without my knowing, they booked time for every day I was to be in the country. I did know that they sort of advertised my coming in the music press and also that Joe Zagarino, one of the producers of the album, had also passed the word around. But I didn't know they had booked all that time for me.

King recorded the sessions with his British friends at Olympic and Command Studios in London. In both cases he had only one complaint.

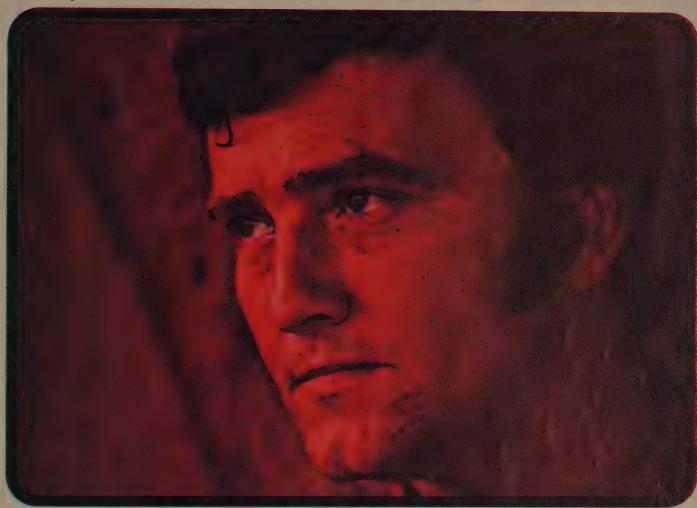
"Setting up the studios was difficult," King said. "We had good sound once we got set up, but there was always a wait. There was always time in between my arrival and when we started the sessions. They just take it slower there but I really had a hard time adjusting to it. Here the musicians are late but we can get something going on time. There, well I found it unnerving because you know, I was so ready to start when I walked in and then nothing was ready for me. Finally, I just had my manager call me at the hotel when they had everything ready at the studio. Then I went over there and had no time to pace around or get drunk or whatever.

"But the musicians are the same as here in the respect that they were drinking and shooting the bull in between takes. You know, we all like to have a good time now and again. And in a studio, you kind of have to keep busy once you get started. It keeps the nerves together to keep moving and

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Emerging Genius



MICKEY NEWBURY

Though, by his own admission, he is not rich, Mickey Newbury is certainly not in the same financial position he was back in the good (?) old days when he first arrived in Nashville. His first year was spent living in his 1954 Pontiac simply because he couldn't afford to rent an apartment. Yet his drive, his ambition, his need for expression enabled him to endure this experience and become what he is today...one of the finest songwriters on the face of the earth.

Today Mickey's tunes have been recorded by some of the most popular and diversely talented people in the recording industry. Kenny Rogers & The First Edition ("Just Dropped In To See What Condition My Condition Was in")," Jerry Lee Lewis, Lonny

Mack and Troy Seals ("She Even Woke Me Up To Say Good-bye"), Don Gibson and Tom Jones ("Funny, Familiar, Forgotten Feelings"), Joan Baez and Buffy St. Marie, both of whom have cut a few of his songs on their respective albums.

Mickey has been what he considers mislabeled as a part of the "new breed" of Nashville musicians. If asked to define his music he will simply classify himself as a country artist. "I guess I do this more as a backlash reaction than anything else, since I'm sick of hearing country musicians turn around and tell their followers, after having made their money from them, that they are really pop performers. These are also the people that leave Nashville to

move to California or New York, instead of staying here and remaining true to the people who made their success possible. People like Johnny Cash proved that you don't have to abandon your old audience in order to reach a new one, and also helped to open Nashville to more types of sounds. Up until two years ago you couldn't give your songs away unless they fit into a certain type of formula sound. This confinement discouraged creativity. Because of this new freedom, artists now have the motivation to develop their own style, without feeling they're spinning their wheels and wasting their time for nothing."

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playing and doing something constructive or fun or both.

The sessions would usually last eight to 10 hours. But King said he rarely got tired. "We had so much to do and work on that there just wasn't time to get tired," said King. "If I wasn't playing or running through the tunes and helping everyone get together with the sound we were looking for. I was usually telling stories and hearing stories. One thing I am always ready to do is to talk to interested musicians who want to know whatever I know and trade licks. I'll tell them everything, because I didn't get a chance to talk to some of the artists who I liked before they died.

I had to read about them in books and then I really could never see their fingers slide or move the way they really did. So I want the musicians and everyone to know everything about me that they want to know. I don't want them to just read about it.

The only tunes that didn't suit King truly were ironically the two written for him by musicians who had shown up at the session. "We had to change "Alexis' Boogie," that Alexis Korner wrote. The words were terrific but I did not really like the changes. So I got his permission to change the melody and chord structure a little. I also changed 'Power of the Blues,' that Pete Wingfield wrote, a little. I must say though that I was really pleased to have these tunes written for me. I really have to respect those guys a lot, because they really tried to do what was right by me," said King.

With "Caldonia," the opening cut on the album, King explained that everyone was having a really good time. "It was like a party where we all had some fun with the music and with each other. I even made a mistake and forgot a word in one part. But when it came to the mix down of the record, I asked them to leave it in. I want the people listening to know that I'm human. A fact about musicians all too often forgotten. I don't mind letting people know I make mistakes as long as the music is there."

There were 36 tapes made of King in London, and he said that there would probably be another LP from those tapes. He also wanted it clear that the tunes in the LP were not recorded in that particular order. "We did them as we felt them," said King. "But we rarely left one tune unfinished. I like to complete everything I can once its started.

"With 'Ghetto Woman," we seemed to really begin to get things together. It

was the first tune to say anything to us and really make us feel good. By the time we came to 'Part-Time Love,' everyone could tell that the group had something on the rudiments of B. B. King. And while each tune is different, B. B. King still is there with all of them.

The final tune on the album was made popular by Howard Tate. "Ain't Nobody Home" was written by Jerry Ragovoy, who also owns a studio in the U. S. in which King often records. "I have people scouting for tunes all of the time," King explained. "We found this on a record and worked on it right before the sessions ended. We cut a track in a very low key and I felt it wasn't really the best thing we could do with the tune. So on the last night, we cut it in a higher key. Then we brought that basic music track back to the States where I dubbed in the voice with Joe Zagarino's help. But it was hard to get the rhythm of that tune. I think though that it's the best cut on the album for that particular style of music.

Of the overall album King commented that he thought the work that went into it showed. "The whole LP was done from the head. I mean the charts came after the tunes were recorded. So I really think that the effort put out shows. I rank it among the best, but then I have a lot of favorite albums, even though I generally listen to my albums only a few times to catch the mistakes," said King.

"You know," King continued, "Many of the musicians that came in on the date never knew I was as limited as I am. Sometimes my guitar can really sound good to me and the musicians really managed to bring that out. Sure, there are mistakes there, just like on any album ever made. But the musicians were so fine that the mistakes are really really minor or ones usually covered up in some way or another.

"Look. I don't want to play like anyone else. I want and have my own sound so why change it because so and so sells more records. I want to sell my work my own way. I can't give me up to satisfy anyone else. You can't take away the 'B' from B," King concluded.

"B. B. King in London," was recorded between June 9 and 16, 1971. It was modified at the Village Recorder and the Record Plant in Los Angeles and the Hit Factory in New York. Joe Zagarino co-produced it with Ed Michel. And according to King, the only live horns on the LP are Jim Price, trumpet, and Bobby Keys, tenor saxophone. □BOB GLASSENBERG

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LET'S STAY TOGETHER

(As recorded by Al Green)

WILLIE MITCHELL AL GREEN AL JACKSON

I'm so in love with you Whatever you want to do is alright with

You make me feel so brand new
And now I want to spend my life with
you.

Since baby since we been together
Loving is forever
Is what I need
et me be the one you come running t

Let me be the one you come running to and I'll never be untrue.

Let's\stay together Loving you whether time's are good or bad

Happy or sad
Why people break up, turn around
And make up I just can't see
You'd never do that to me
Being around you is all I see
Let's stay together loving you
Whether time's are good or bad
Happy or sad.

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AN AMERICAN TRILOGY

(As recorded by Mickey Newbury/Elektra)

How I wish I was in the land of cotton
Old times they are not forgotten
Look away, look away, look away
Dixieland

Oh I wish I was in Dixie away, away In Dixieland I take my stand to live and die in Dixie

Cause Dixieland that's where I was born

Early Lord one frosty morning Look away, look away, look away, Dixieland.

> Glory, glory hallelujah Glory, glory hallelujah Glory, glory hallelujah His truth is marching on.

So hush little children
Don't you cry
You know your daddy's bound to die
But all my trials Lord, soon be over.

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I'D LIKE TO TEACH THE WORLD TO SING (In Perfect Harmony)

(As recorded by the Hillside Singers)

B. BACKER
B. DAVIS
R. COOK
R. GREENAWAY

I'd like to build the world a home
And furnish it with love
Grow apple trees and honey bees
And snow white turtle doves
I'd like to teach the world to sing in
perfect harmony
I'd like to hold it in my arms
And keep it company.

I'd like to see the world for once
All standing hand in hand
And hear them echo through the hills
For peace throughout the land
That's the song I hear
(I'd like to teach the world to sing)
Like the world to sing today
(In perfect harmony)
A song of peace that echoes on
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ANTICIPATION

(As recorded by Carly Simon)

CARLY SIMON

We can never know about the days to cam∈

But we think about them anyway And I wonder if I'm really with you now Or just chasing after some finer day.

Anticipation, anticipation
Is making me late
Is keeping me waiting.

And I tell you how easy it feels to be with you

And how right your arms feel around me

But I rehearsed those words just late last night

When I was thinking about how right tonight might be.

Anticipation, anticipation

Is making me late

Is keeping me waiting. And tomorrow we might not be

together
I'm no prophet, I don't know nature's
wavs

So I'll try and see into your eyes right now

And stay right here cause these are the good old days.

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DAY AFTER DAY

(As recorded by Badfinger)

PETER HAM

I remember finding out about you
Every day my mind is all around you
Looking out from my lonely room
Day after day
Bring it home baby
Make it soon
I give my love to you
Love to you, love to you
I give my love to you.

I remember holding you while you sleep
Every day I feel the tears that you weep
Looking out of my lonely gloom
Day after day
Bring it home baby
Make it soon
I give my love to you
Love to you, love to you
I give my love to you,
Do, do, do, do, do, do, do,

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NIGHTS (YES LOVE)

(As recorded by the Partridge Family)

TONY ROMEO

It's one of those nights when you turn
out the lights
And you sit in the dark
And say to yourself "I miss her"
It's one of those moods when your body
broods

And you conjure up her picture and you kiss her

It's one of those things for the pain it brings

You say to yourself "Hey couldn't I live without it?"

Well I think so, on the other hand I doubt it.

And so it goes it's a cold in the nose It's a pain in the neck It'll make you a wreck if it gets ya It's so insane cause for all the rain when you ask yourself Could you do it again you betcha

I hear a voice say "You got no choice" and it makes me mad

And I shout "Oh yeah who says so?"
Well of course not, on the other hand I
guess so.

Suddenly she's crashing through my mind

Like waves upon the shore

And I nod my head woah yes love
I'd welcome you again
If you knocked upon my door
If you didn't I'd seek you out love
I'd track you down for sure like a
thousand times before

Oh yes love I'd welcome you again like
you know I've done before

Aah yes love you know I did before.

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PARADE OF SONG HITS

WHITE LIES, BLUE EYES

(As recorded by Bullet)

BOBBY FLAX
LANNY LAMBERT

White lies in her blue eyes Goodbye is on the way White lies in her blue eyes Evil's the game she plays.

When she's trying hard to tempt you with her music and her wine When her lips look so inviting And those sultry eyes begin to shine Won't you look a little deeper beyond that "Come on" stare
Then you might be able to see what's lying there
It's those white lies in her blue eyes Goodbye is on the way

White lies in her blue eyes

Evil's the game she plays.

Don't you ever let her get to you the way
that she got to me
Tho' the signs were plainly written
I just didn't want to see
That she can do most anything if you
give her time
I'm living testimony her love made me
color blind

There are white lies in her blue eyes
Goodbye is on the way
White lies in her blue eyes
Evil's the game she plays.

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HEY GIRL

(As recorded by Donny Osmond)

GERRY GOFFIN CAROLE KING

Hey girl, I want you to know
I'm gonna miss you so much if you go
And hey girl I tell you no lie
Something deep inside of me's going to
die
If you say so long

If this is goodbye, oh.

Hey girl, this can't be true
How am I supposed to exist without you
And hey girl now don't put me on
What's gonna happen to me when
you're gone
How will I live, how can I go on
How can I go on
Hey girl.

Hey girl now sit yourself down I'm not ashamed to get down on the ground

And then beg you to stay
Don't go away, hey girl, don't go away.

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ONE MONKEY DON'T STOP NO SHOW

(As recorded by the Honey Cone)

G. JOHNSON

G. PERRY

A. BOND

Z. PERRY

One monkey don't stop no show
If you don't want my love you're free to

Life is a play we play different parts
But to be a star in love
You've got to feel it in your heart
You've been actin' strange
You don't love me with soul
And there's lots of other guys
Who'd love to play your roll
If you don't want to be my leading man
Get out of my life and let me live again.

One monkey don't stop no show
If you don't want my love

You're free to go
One monkey don't stop no show
If you really need our love
You'd better let it show
Once we had a love
You couldn't live without
The greatest love that heaven has ever
put out
Success has gone to your head
You wanna be free
Fool don't you realize you're back bone

If you no longer like your part Get out of my lite before you ruin my heart

is me.

You can go there's the door You can go, you can go One monkey don't shop no show If you don't want my love You're free to go.

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(As recorded by the Guess Who)

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Ding-a-ling or talk about a thing not this morning

Don't wanna think about the night before or maybe it's a bor e I could throw together a new kind of rhyme And tell about my warning but it's too late now

It's too late now, it's too late now.

Don't wanna think about a runaway Dad

That took away the only thing that I ever had

Don't even miss him this morning Don't wanna think about a cold goodbye

Or a high school buddy got a little too high

I can't help him out this morning Reviewers laugh at me so I go out to sea But perhaps it's just as well cause I'd rather be in hell

Than be a wealthy man this morning But it's too late now

It's too late now, it's too late now.

Whatever happened to images cause now they're gone

And worn-out phrases just keep ahangin' on

Whatever happened to homes as sooposed to houses

Whatever happened to homes as opposed to houses

The conversation sinks as the evening drowses

It's just like 4 6 2 0 1 It's just like 4 6 2 0 1

Some man is waiting for me 'round the corner now

I gotta find him and try to hang on for a little while

Back here in 4 6 2 0 1

There's gotta be a few small changes made.

Whatever happened to early morning open skies

And broken faces, half with melting eyes

Enough of riddles that just play with time

Cause I'm still here and I can't beg a

I'm back here in 4 6 2 0 1.

Don't wanna listen to my telephone ring or sing

Ding-a-ling or talk about a thing Leave me alone this morning.

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WHERE DID OUR **LOVE GO**

(As recorded by Donnie Elbert)

BRIAN HOLLAND LAMONT DOZIER **EDDIE HOLLAND**

Baby, baby, where did our love go Don't you want me, don't you want me

You came into my life so tenderly With a burning love that stings like a

And now that I surrender so helplessly You now wanna leave You wanna leave

Oh you wanna leave me Baby, baby, baby where did our love go Ah don't you want me Ho now baby, baby where did our love

Don't you want me no more oh now baby, baby, baby don't leave

Baby don't leave please, please don't leave me baby

Good Lord please don't leave me

All by myself ho now baby, baby, baby, baby, baby

Ah now baby, baby please don't leave me baby

Ah don't leave me baby all by myself Baby, baby, baby, baby, baby, baby, baby

Don't leave me please good God don't leave me woman All by myself good God.

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HALLELUJAH

(As recorded by Sweathog)

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Hallelujah, hallelujah Hallelujah, hallelujah I used to look at life through a shade of grey

Then you came along and bro't a sunny day

You took me in your hand Like a piece of clay

And you made me a man now I gotta

Hallelujah, hallelujah Hallelujah, hallelujah.

I wake up in the mornin' and I wanna cry

Cause I'm so glad that you're by my side
And when I go to work
I can't wait till five
Till I'm home with you sugar
I'm just half alive.

If I ever lost you don't know what I'd do Cause my whole world revolves around

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(As recorded by The Persuaders)

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We got to get it together before it's too

We just can't sit by and watch our love turn to hate

Does it matter who's fault it was Love gonna pack up and walk out on us Love gonna pack up and walk out on us.

We act just like two kids at play Get mad over something silly and take their toys away

It's too bad happiness don't grow on trees

I got to sacrifice for you You've gotta sacrifice for me I got to understand you You've got to understand me.

Does it really
Love gonna pack up and walk out on us
We got just one life to live
One love to give
Let's kiss some, let's love some
Put our two's and two's together
And let's love some

Face it baby pick up the pieces Put them back together again Get it together or bye bye love

Ooh us Now baby tell me what are we doing to ourselves

We're only hurting each other And nobody else.

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LET IT BE

(As recorded by Joan Baez)

JOHN LENNON
PAUL MCCARTNEY

When I find myself in times of trouble
Mother Mary comes to me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be
And in my hour of darkness as she is
standing right in front of me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be
Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be
Whisper words of wisdom, let it be.

And when the broken hearted people
Living in the world agree
There will be an answer, let it be
For though they may be parted
There is still a chance that they will see
There will be an answer, let it be
Let it be, let it be, let it be

Yeah, There will be an answer, let it be.
Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be
Whisper words of wisdom, let it be
And when the night is cloudy
There is still a light that shines on me
Shine until tomorrow, let it be
I wake up to the sound of music
Mother Mary comes to me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be
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There will be an answer, let it be
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PRETTY AS YOU FEEL

(As recorded by Jefferson Airplane)

JOEY COVINGTON JACK CASADY **JORMA KAUKONEN**

You're only pretty as you feel Only pretty as you feel inside You're only pretty as you feel Just as pretty as you feel inside

When you wake up in the mroning Rub some sleep from your eyes Look inside your mirror Comb your hair Don't give no vanity a second thought No, no, no Beauty's only skin deep It goes just so far, cause you're only pretty as you feel As pretty as you feel inside

You're only pretty as you feel.

So girl don't hang yourself up Oh no plastic face A little bit of soap will wipe away Any grease, cause You're only pretty as you feel Mama, I said You're only pretty as you feel inside Strut.

So now you're feelin' so pretty Now you're feelin' so good Now you're ready to face the world Now you're feelin' good Go out there and knock 'em silly, girl Go out there show 'em how to thrill,

Cause you'e only pretty as you feel Say you're only pretty as you feel Now, you're only pretty as you feel Feelin' pretty, feelin' pretty You're only pretty as you feel Feelin' so pretty, feelin' so pretty Feelin' so pretty, you're feelin' so pretty Pretty, pretty, pretty, pretty, pretty Pretty mama, mama, mama, mama.

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MAKE ME THE WOMAN YOU GO HOME TO

(As recorded by Gladys Knight)

CLAY MCMURRAY

You promised me things that meant a lot

You said so much you just up and forgot what you said about me to him You said I was your strength The air you breathe

So help me honey You're all I need to make my life complete

Oh yes you did So then why, why, why Why don't you baby make me the woman that you go home to And not the one you leave behind Not the one that's left to cry and die.

With a smile I fix you your meals Iron your clothes, it ain't no big deal It's all a part of loving you Stick by your side through thick and thin Not lying awake to ask where you been Cause you'd tell me if you wanted to oh yeah

So why, why don't you baby Make me the woman that you go home

And not the one you leave behind yeah Not the woman that's left to cry and die Make her the woman that you go home

o make me (make her the woman that you go home to) You go home to

Make me yours and you'll be mine to keep

So full of joy you wouldn't need to be On the other side of the foolin' around Total exceptance is all you need Knowing this you would never regret finding yourself homeward bound Oh so (why, why, don't you) Oh good God almighty boy (Make her the woman that you go home

to) And not the woman that you leave behind

Not the woman that's left to cry and die Oh (make her the woman you go home

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MICKEY NEWBURY

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But according to Mickey, some of this newfound freedom has its drawbacks. "This recent recognition of Nashville has caused some of the people in the music industry to forget what made their music good in the first place. It's becoming more businesslike and less easy going. I remember how we all used to get together to talk and play our latest songs for each other — now there doesn't seem to be as much time for that sort of thing. I find myself spending more time with people from out of town than the people that live here since they're usually too busy."

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NICK ZESSES DINO FEKARIS

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Big brother and keep them satisfied.

Welcome to the beat of a city street Walk on now and don't be shy Take a closer look at the people you

And notice the fear in their eye. Yeah watching the time passing by.

Focus your eye on the filthy sky Just as far as a you can see Everybody gettin' kind-a tired of waitin' cause nobody wants to cry

Yeah and nobody wants to die Hey big brother as soon as you arrive You better get in touch with the people Big brother and get them on your side Big brother and keep them satisfied.

Now that you've got the picture what you gonna do

Now that you've got the picture what you gonna do

Wo hey big brother I know you're out there somewhere

If we don't get our thing together Big brother will be watching us He ain't gonna get me Are you gonna let him get you He'll never get me He'll never get me no

Big brother's coming No he'll never get me no no no Hey big brother keep them by your side,

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CAN I GET A WITNESS

(As recorded by Lee Michaels)

EDDIE HOLLAND BRIAN DOZIER BRIAN HOLLAND

Ah listen everybody especially you girls is it right to be left alone while the one you love is never home I love too hard my friends sometimes

But I believe, I believe that a woman should be loved that way

But it hurts me so inside to see her treat me so unkind

Somebody, somewhere tell her it's unfair

Can I get a witness, can I get a witness Yeah can I get a witness Somebody is it right to be treated so bad when you're given everything you had Even toss in my sleep 'cause I haven't seen my baby all week Now you chicks do agree

That this ain't the way love's suppose to

Let me hear, let me hear you say yeah Up early in the morning with her on my

mind Ah just to find out all night that I've been crying

But I believe a woman's a man's best friend

So I'm gonna stick by her till the very end

But she cause so much misery that I forget how love suppose to be Somebody somewhere tell her it ain't

Can I get a witness, I want a witness, witness witness, witness Everybody knows especially you girls A love can be sad but half a love is twice

Now all you chicks agree That this ain't the way it's supposed to be let me hear you let me hear you say.

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KNOW) I'M LOSING YOU

(As recorded by Rod Stewart)

CORNELIUS GRANT NORMAN WHITFIELD **EDDIE HOLLAND**

Your love is fading I can feel your love fading

Girl it's fading away from me Cause your touch, your touch has grown cold

As if someone else controls your very soul

I've fooled myself long as I can I can feel the presence of another man It's there when you speak my name It's just not the same ooo baby I'm losing you

It's in the air everywhere ooo baby I'm losing you

When I look into your eyes a reflection of a face I see

I'm hurtin' down hearted and worried girl cause that face doesn't belong to me It's all over your face someone's taken my place

Ooo baby I'm losing you You try hard to hide your emptiness inside

Ooo baby I'm losing you.

I don't want to lose you baby You used to look at me baby In your sweet tender loving way But now when we're face to face girl You have to search for words to say I can tell when we kiss from the tenderness I miss

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SLY & THE FAMILY STONE "There's A Riot Goin' On" (Epic).

A long time in the making, with all the attendant stories about Sly's non appearances, being fined for not producing accusations and denials. . .but it's here and it's Sly as before creating a lot of almost physical excitement. Listen to "Thank You For Talkin' To Me Africa" and that will take you higher in your seat. Good times are to be had listening to the fun "(You Caught Me) Smilin'". There's some put-on here but also a lot that makes Sly the in-person rave that he is.

THE DOORS Other Voices (Elektra).

"Hang On To Your Life" is a tribute thatdoesn't become mawkish to Jim Morrison but the trio doesn't look back anywhere else. It's a new direction with some delicate moods crossed with some strutting hardness. Don't discount the new approach or the re-formed Doors.

BLOODROCK USA (Capitol).

Hard rock. Six piece group. Fourth album. And it follows a familiar pattern of injecting some politics into the lyrics ("America Burn.") Not quite a state of the union message and the music still conquers all, and this is probably the best they've done so far.

RAY CHARLES "A 25th Anniversary In Show Business Salute" (ABC Records). Disregarding the show business tag, this double album set shows not only the



BLOODROCK — hard rock still, but the politics come into the lyrics.

emergence of a major talent (and subsequent decline on records — never in person) but is also a history of the music, when Charles sowed the seeds of soul for so many. The very early Atlantic sides (this two-company album is a result of a special deal and makes for completeness) show a voice and style that was little different from the rhythm and blues noises of the era. Suddenly with the gospel infusion it becomes a one man revolution.

CACTUS Restrictions (Atco).

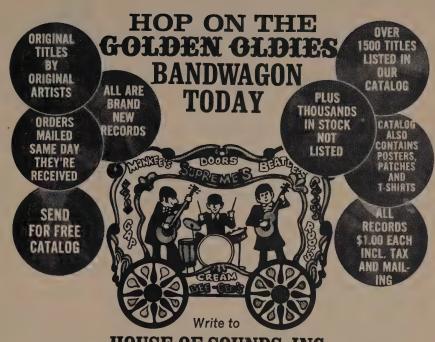
Cactus, with its Springfield and Fudge overtones coasts along presenting rock and country ("Alaska" and "Mean Night In Cleveland" -- a song based on a bust incident and some time spent in the local jail) and some downhome blues sounds on "Evil," the Howlin' Wolf song. Underrated isn't the word for this band.

CHICAGO AT CARNEGIE HALL (Columbia).

This was recorded during the group's week long series of concerts at New York's famed hall (the Fillmore of the classical buffs). First the music: a lot of familiar items are included naturally and they get the benefit of audience enthusiasm underlining them. New material gets an initial tryout, still in the cross pollination (rock and brass) groove that seems to give Chicago its wide range. The hydra headed free form emerges in the piano introduction to "Does Anybody Really Know," that could point the way the group might travel in their jazz The packaging: for a start there are four disks, all done at a special low price, a picture booklet, a poster and a huge poster, plus a voter registration chart to appeal to the 18 year olds and over. Visually it's all very nice, but there could have been more detail, more actual words, about the seven piece group. All in all though, one of the more impressive releases of the year.

THE WHO Meaty Beaty Big And Bouncy (Decca).

The Who's singles from way back ("I Can't Explain" was cut in 1965 and has Jimmy Page on rhythm guitar.) to right now ("The Seeker" was released in 1970). Several of the cuts are however different takes of earlier numbers — "I'm A Boy" for instance has John Entwistle on French horn and is a longer version of the original 1965 single. Also "Magic Bus" is different from the "Magic Bus" LP track and the "Live at Leeds" cut. An interesting excursion into the Who's history and, for new fans, an absolute must.



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JOHN LENNON (continued from page 17)

I'm A Loser; I Don't Want To Spoil The Party; Ticket To Ride; Yes It Is; Help; You've Got To Hide Your Love Away; You're Going To Lose That Girl; Nowhere Man; Girl; Rain; I'm Only Sleeping; Strawberry Fields.

Dear Prudence; Glass Onion; Bungalow Bill; I'm So Tired; Yer Blues; Cry Baby Cry; Goodnight; Ballad Of John and Yoko; Come Together; I Want You (She's So Heavy); Mean Mr. Mustard; Polythene Man; One After 909; Hey Bulldog; Don't Let Me Down; You Know My Name; Sun King; Dig A Pony; Dig It.

Songs which Lennon attributed directly to Paul McCartney, again offered with no comment.

I Saw Her Standing There; Tip Of My Tongue; I'll Keep You Satisfied; Nobody I Know; Things We Said Today; Don't Want To See You Again; I'm Down; The Night Before.

Another Girl; Tell Me What You

See; I've Just Seen A Face; That Means A Lot; You Won't See Me; I'm Looking Through You; Woman; Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band; Fixing A Hole; Lovely Rita; Hello Goodbye; Your Mother Should Know.

Fool On The Hill; Step Inside Love; Oo Bla Di; Martha My Dear; Blackbird; I Will; Mother Nature's Son; Helter Skelter; Honey Pie.

Lady Madonna; All Together Now; Get Back; Let It Be; Maxwell's Silver Hammer; Oh Darling; You Never Give Me Your Money; She Came In Through The Bathroom Window; Golden Slumbers; Carry That Weight; The End Her Majesty; Two Of Us; The Long And Winding Road.

Songs attributed jointly to McCartney and himself by Lennon and offered again with no comment.

I'll Get You; I Want To Hold Your Hand; Baby's In Black; Every Little Thing; What You're Doing; Drive My Car; The Word; I've Got A Feeling.

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THREE DOG NIGHT

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sanity. Right at the last minute we didn't know if we were going to make it or not. It was three days more or less without sleep and it also got to a point where creativity was slipping away.

"At first we all stayed up together but finally we started taking shifts to get it finished.

"I'd planned a vacation immediately after the session and I made it more or less with about an hour before the plane. The trouble was a television show that we had to do right in the middle of it all. Anyway I grabbed the plane and flew to London. I checked into the hotel and there's Osibisa, who are good friends of the group, hanging out and THEY are recording.

"So I'm down in the recording studio with them and about 200 other people all adding chants on some of their Afrorock material. Imagine it, 200 people chanting away, it's four o'clock in the morning, I'm dead tired and there's some of those cats with war paint on. A weird scene.

"Next I run into the Urigh Heep group and I'm on my way with them to some gig outside London, in Southend, I think. By this time, I'm somewhat frazzled but the fact that one of the guitar players from Free is having a birthday and there's this big party down in the Speakeasy Club. . . . well, that didn't help.

"By now I'm really exhausted and I decide to cut right out. I headed for Portugal and slept for three days solid. It was a small place, very quiet, full of 85 year old people very peaceful and NO music, just television with all the programs in Portuguese which I don't speak.

"After nearly a week of this, peaced myself to death though and I came back. I got back here with \$12 in my pocket and they hit me with a customs duty bill for \$2,000! Had to write me a check."

☐ FRANK SIMPSON

CANNED HEAT

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don't like each other but I don't know how true that is. As far as we are concerned, Canned Heat is just five guys who enjoy playing funky music together. We dig to play and we've put a lot into this band. We've all gone through a lot of heavy changes ... heavy personal pressures.

"There have been times and all in the same week when the whole band, wives and managers have left. Being in a band is like a second marriage and if things aren't good at home it can affect your playing and it has done in the past. The people seeing you on stage, they just don't realize that you've just left your wife and baby to spend 10 hard weeks on the road.

"Or you get a scene when you've managed to get to the gig, tuned up and are just about to go on stage when someone rushes into the dressing room and says the PA won't work — that's a bummer."

But if life on the road has its setbacks there is the lighter side.

Canned Heat's drummer, Fito De La Parra is a Mexican national and has achieved some kind of superstar status in the land of his birth — everyone from the young fan to the President is aware of him. Because of this, Canned Heat was asked to play at the wedding of the President's rather switched-on son. However the VIP gig nearly ended in total chaos.

Hite remembered: "As we came out on stage, there was the President and the heads of state down at the front with all the jewelry flashing. All of a sudden I saw Al Wilson taking off his guitar and laying it down on a flat white surface. He had such bad eye sight that what he thought was a table was, in fact, the wedding cake.

"So there he was with his guitar just inches away from the cake. The only thing I could do was to make a flying tackle otherwise he'd have completely destroyed this beautiful cake. Luckily I was in time."

In leaving the interview Hite gave some personal observations about the state of the blues.

"I don't dig what the white sound has done to the black sound. You get all these old black singers buying fuzz tone guitars because it's proved successful for the white guys. But really the only ones who can do it are the new breed of young black blues musicians." PROY CARR

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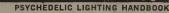


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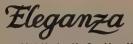
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EVERLY BROTHERS (continued from page 26)

HP: Why do we see so little written about you? Are you anti-Press?

PHIL: No, but I try to avoid them. All you get are the pseudo-analysations and they either ask you about pollution, politics or popularity. And it's not worth the time lying around. And besides I make a bad interview because I protect my privacy."

HP: How much time are you able to devote to writing now?

PHIL: All the time we're not on the road, I'm writing. I can't say how it happens -- but I know I have to work hard at it. Lightning doesn't strike twice.

I like sad songs. Maybe by nature we're sad people though I don't really believe that. I think when I was young I was more melancholy than now.

One problem we do have is finding the right sort of ma-

terial. I'm always on the look out for new material -- quote me on that!

HP: What is your recording scene like currently?

PHIL: It's been over a year and a half since we put a record, a new record, out. We're signed now with RCA and have just completed an album for them. I think it's the best LP we've done for about five years -- although it's difficult to describe. It's produced by Paul Rothschild who is a really good producer -- he's done stuff for the Doors and he also produced the new John Sebastian album. But even if the production is good it doesn't necessarily follow it's going to be a hit.

Apart from that album we're both doing solo ones. It's hard to say what the songs are like -- I can say they are this way or that way. But I'm not trying to make a personal statement and all that rubbish. But the solo albums won't be out for a while yet -- the dual album is the primary thing.

Don is also producing a group



DON EVERLY - people expect the Everlys to do their old material.

called Starbuck and I think I'm going to produce my solo album. I'd like to do more producing but you can't produce if you haven't got the material and. like I said, we're short on material.

HP: Your father is working

with you now?

PHIL: Right. Apart from the blood relationship, he's a very important person to us. We started singing together as a family 27 years ago -- with our mother too and now he has a kind of folky, kind of country He's a great entertainer. You know when we did our television show with him, he got a very good reaction and an awful lot of fan mail. He's touring with us now. I thought, Dad played with us in Las Vegas. so why not come on tour with us.

HP: After 27 years singing professionally, do you still get nervous?

PHIL: It's only a subtle kind of nerves -- my hands shake a bit and I feel my throat go dry but if the audience is fair, then there's no problem.

HP: Is it correct you rarely do an encore?

PHIL: Not unless we feel it is absolutely necessary. We don't have an encore number worked out.

HP: Just for the record, who sings with the high voice?

PHIL: Me. That is, when I'm not hoarse. We had to cancel a show in Vegas because of that. For three years now, I've felt my voice wasn't quite the same as before. I suffer a lot with laryngitis. In fact, soon I'm going to have an operation to sort it all out. It's only a minor operation -- quite common with singers.

HP: Who do you admire cur-

rently?

PHIL: That's a difficult one. The Fortunes, I think are a great group. Graham Nashis, I think, one of the finest harmony singers in the world. I like groups like Led Zeppelin and, of course; Rod Stewart. We've done a Rod Stewart number.

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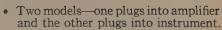
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Dear Editor:

In my opinion the whole trouble with the people who write to Hit Parader is that they close their heads to too many musicians. They may be into a certain individual or group and then they won't listen to anyone else.

These are probably the same people who go around griping about their parents not listening to the potential of their heroes. They gripe and yet they make the same mistakes.

Another trouble spot is that everybody tries to generalize about today's sound. First you hear about the folk-rock revival with people like Taylor and John. If such is the case what explains the popularity of Grand Funk, Black Sabbath, Ten Years After? Everybody's got their own sound and style — I'm hopeful that music is never going to be a mass produced art.

Let Hit Parader keep up the great job it's doing in covering the wide range of styles in today's music. I for one want to hear about them all.

M. Kidd, Magnolia, III.

Dear Editor,

I disagree with James Johnson in the November issue. He seems to think he's some kind of authority on movies. I saw the movie "Gimme Shelter" also and I didn't come out feeling like crying. I came out feeling bad.

The Rolling Stones had it hard at Altamont and congratulations to them for surviving it. Johnson doesn't seem to realize that movies like "Gimme Shelter" make us want to improve the world, realize that it could be better. It's movies like "Let It Be" and "Woodstock" that

are deceiving us, showing only the sunny side of life.

It's people like Mr. Johnson who come out of "Gimme Shelter" with puffed up faces, saying "It's awful" instead of doing something about it. The only way to achieve peace is to work towards it and if we don't there will be a lot more rock festivals like Altamont. "Gimme Shelter" is definitely a step forward.

PAM, Arlington, Virginia

Dear Editor,

You seem to overlook Simon and Garfunkel in Hit Parader.
-- they seem to be buried under all that 'good trash' you feature.
You cast them aside for a social outcast like me to discover. And it's no wonder: 99.9 percent of their songs reflect a certain amount of loneliness.

Folk music, in my opinion, is on an uphill trend, a trend started by Dylan back in the early Sixties. However where Dylan left off, S&G came in swinging and hitting grand slammers every time. Paul Simon is one of the best folk guitarists and Art Garfunkel puts a lot of sweat and pride into his singing. They've got the best harmony anywhere.

JILL ST. THOMAS, Parsipany, New Jersey

Dear Editor.

I really enjoyed reading the article on Grand Funk Railroad: "Enemy of the Establishment." (Nov. issue) I can't see why the press dislikes these three guys. They are a very heavy group and they're beautiful people. Grand Funk is a group that wants to help and love their country and their brothers and

sisters. The older generation should listen to Grand Funk rap because they make sense, man. The older generation might learn something from this group.

KELLY WELLS, Milford, New Hampshire.

Dear Editor,

What does "The Bear" (can't he give his right name?) mean in his letter by the "ugly Satan rock band, Black Sabbath? I suppose an anti-drug song ("Hand of Doom") or a song blasting those who start wars ("War Pigs") is Satan Rock! You can't get any heavier than Black Sabbath. Listen to "Master of Reality."

J. D. VAN MORRISON, Ossining, New York.

Dear Editor,

Right on! To the kids in Woodstock, Canada. They have a worthy cause that should get all the attention in the music world...to get the Beatles back

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LINDA McCARTNEY (no relation)

Morristown, New Jersey.

Dear Editor,

In your January issue you ran a brief article on the Ventures which has got to be the worst piece of journalism I've ever come across. It sounded like you didn't think they were worth spending your time on them.

The only reason I'm writing this is the fact that I think credit should be given where credit is due. The Ventures are one of the better groups around because they play some of the straightest rock around. I mean you don't have to sit and decide which lyric is the "heaviest" or "political." I've had it with groups like Grand Funk and their "political" lyrics with so-called deep meanings.

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TOMMY JAMES (Roulette Records)

I bought this album mainly out of curiosity. Being a reformed Tommy James and the Shondells fan, I wanted to see just how he sounded without the Shondells. Not bad. "Meet the Comer" sounds a lot like "Helpless" by Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young.

"Light of Day" sounds a lot like "Helplessly Hoping" by Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young. In fact, the album cover reminds me a lot of the cover of Neil Young's first album, which makes the whole thing seem a bit pretentious. But, if you don't mind people imitating other people, you can really get turned on by some of the songs.

Mary Jo Trunzo Glassport, Pa.

MARK LINDSAY

You've Got A Friend (Columbia)

Although Mark is still with the Raiders, he has branched out with three soft-rock albums and this one is his latest. And his best. His voice has changed from the early Raider boyish tones to a masculine voice which indicates that he can breathe properly. This change reminds me of Dylan's change in "John Wesley Harding" or "Nashville Skyline" a change for the better. Half of the songs are recent hits (like Carole King's "You've Got A Friend") but Lindsay belts them out as if he'd never heard them before by other artists.

The orchestra is too elaborate for his voice and the background music in "Never Can Say Goodbye" is just too much—it spoils the song. These songs are for a melancholy Saturday afternoon; songs to think on; light romantic and smooth. But don't make a steady diet on this moody music—it's a banana split for a meat and potatoes man. It's poetic, simply sun, to refresh your mind.

Judy Trowbridge, Brownstown, Indiana.

JEFFERSON AIRPLANE

The Worst of... (RCA Records)

It is the "worst" of Jefferson Airplane.

The songs, "It's No Secret" and "Some-body To Love" which are studio recordings could have been better if they were live. The song they did take off a live album, "Plastic Fantastic Lover" was never any good to start with. "White Rabbit" a great song live is fair on this LP but is better live. Another mistake is putting "We Can Be Together" and "Volunteers" right next to each other. They're exactly the same at the start and the end.

Chip Martin, Waco, Texas.

THE ROAD

Cognition (Kama Sutra)

"Cognition," defined as the act or process of knowing; awareness or judgement. That's the title of a new double album, a remarkable and powerful album by a relatively unrecognized but deserving group called The Road. The backbone of the group is its two lead singers. Phil and Jerry Hudson; a pair of ingenious writers and exceptional vocalists. On the first side is "Tuely and Mary's Medley," lyrically uncomparable to anything else. The medley, divided into three parts, "Tuely's Day," "Tuely and Mary," and "Make You See," focuses on the world, the squalor, and the change that must come. The piano work by Ken Kaufman is fantastic and the harmonies are perfect.

Side two turns the spotlight more over to the group itself with three original songs, "Alone," "Wellsville," and "Power of Love." Don Jake Jakubowski's organ is prominent on all cuts and definitely outstanding. Also to be credited are Nick DiStefano on drums and bassist Joe Hesse. Simplicity and harmony come into play on album two's cuts such as "If I Ever Needed A Woman" and "40 Days and Nights." Also featured on this album is the expert guitar work of Hugh McCracken.

Elaine Verano, Tonawanda, New York.

JACK BRUCE

Things We Like (Atco Records)

If you ever liked Jack Bruce before you'll hate him after you hear this, his second solo album. Well, maybe "hate" is going overboard a bit but this is one awful album. The only good thing is John McLaughlin's guitar and Jon Hiseman's fine drumming. The album tries to capture a jazz feeling which it gets. But there's no melody at all. Dick Heckstall-Smith is there, blowing his saxes constantly and each song sounds alike. I try to get into all kinds of music but if this is jazz. Long live Hard Rock!

Alex, Charleston, South Carolina.



JACK BRUCE, second from left, as part of the late Blind Faith group. A reader reviews his second solo album.

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Gayle McCormick thinks she is a "shy girl" But shy girls don't usually become singers, or the only girl singer in a group (She was previously part of Smith — now she has her own back—up group, the Underhand Band). "Being on the road, travelling in a station wagon, driving all night — one girl with five guys...the shyness, I suppose, soon goes. It's kind of an uneasy situation though at first — you have to learn the way they think and they have to learn the way you think," she admits.

"I suppose the best way, being on the road with a bunch of guys, is non involvement. I mean, you ARE a member of the group. I don't mean you have to turn rugged overnight or anything like that.... Once a guitar player did fall in love with me and that was a bad situation, me, being the girl singer, to let him down without hurting his feelings and also having this working relationship with him.

"The dressing room business, or lack of them, lack of privacy, is really the least of it. It's the living and working and travelling together — that's where the problems start. However, I have been lucky...

"The road itself doesn't get me down. I enjoy it until the third week usually, that's when the exhaustion sets in. Except when something happens like a gig we did in Illinois when Smith travelled 500 miles overnight for nothing. The promoter wasn't there with the money and we didn't have the money for a hotel — we just turned round and drove back.

"I guess I'm a person who must like being on the move — I never held a job for more than six months. I was a secretary, a student, counter girl at a dry cleaners — but, of course, singing was really what I wanted."

Gayle joined Smith in St. Louis where she was born. She was already singing locally and was well known to the local disc jockies. A group arrived for a gig in the city and asked if there was a local girl who could do a few dates with them. One of the disc jockies recommended Gayle. Gayle met Smith and there was some considerable empathy between them.



GAYLE McCORMICK - likes being on the move.

All the gigs went smoothly until the group had an offer to appear in Florida. They wanted Gayle with them but Gayle's parents objected to their 19 year old daughter making such a long trip.

Gayle went, and opened in Key West. "That hurt, but since then my parents and I have made up," she says.

Finally Smith, with Gayle, arrived in Los Angeles still travelling. Here, though, they stopped long enough to play the Rag Doll in the Valley — in between Gayle had appeared (singing) at the Pussy Cat A Go Go in Las Vegas. But in the Rag Doll audience was Del Shannon and Brian Hyland who were impressed enough to get Smith together with ABC Dunhill, who were impressed enough to sign them. The first album was "A

Group Called Smith," released in 1968 and out of it came a smash hit, "Baby It's You."

It was good times for Smith — and Gayle McCormick was even booked for "The Dating Game!"

However Smith started crumbling, various members drifted away to do their own thing and for the second album Gayle was the only original member. With Smith's new sidemen, "Minus Plus" was released, did well.

By now Gayle was changing: "I was into Aretha and Tina Turner, had been for some time but I guess I saw myself getting deeper into my own style and this decided me to go it alone, making the break."

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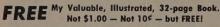
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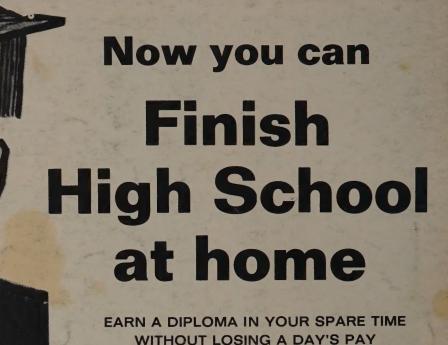
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